

## Daily Eagle

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## THE RED MAN HAS NO SHOW.

Now that the white man's government has succeeded in breaking up the tribal relations of the Indian the red man of the Indian Territory and of Oklahoma will not be in evidence much longer. As soon as the government ceases to be the guardian and protector of the Indian the white man will pauperize the red man in the speediest possible manner. An Indian can no more be legislated into a white man than a sinner can be legislated into heaven. The white man being superior to his own laws and regulations for the protection of the red man, the red man will be robbed of all he has. He who formerly did the scalping will in turn be skinned alive, will be swindled and cheated until he will not have so much as a quarter-section of land left or even a pony to ride. All that is worth owning in the way of coal lands, timber lands, oil lands and agricultural lands in the Indian Territory will pass to the hands of the white invader. As the Cincinnati Commercial observes, though the best Indian is the defunct brand, yet the red man has some rights which the paleface ought to be compelled to respect, but which, according to the reports made by Commissioners Bonaparte and Woodruff, he doesn't respect even a little bit. The report of their investigations of the treatment of the Indians in Oklahoma and Indian Territory is not creditable reading, by any means. It is, in fact, a story of sympathetic plundering of the Indians by practically the whole force of inspectors, agents, surveyors and traders—and the Indian has been without remedy. Surrounded by officials whom he knows to be hostile to him, he submits in silence to wrongs which could only be righted by digging up the hatchet and going on the warpath, and the Indians of Oklahoma and the Territory have learned wisdom by experience and know that, right or wrong, the murder of an agent would be sternly avenged. In their report Messrs. Bonaparte and Woodruff say:

"The conditions involve immediate danger of ruin to the genuine Indian population and profound discredit to the United States, exciting reasonable discontent on the part of all classes of the population and demanding prompt and drastic remedies on the part of congress."

Whatever may be the faults of the noble red man, of his predilection for a lie when the truth would do him better, or his fondness for going fishing while his gazelle-eyed squaw does the work at home, there is nothing in either objection that warrants the predatory paleface in taking from the Indian the little that remains to him. He is entitled to be treated with justice—all the more so because he is helpless, himself, to enforce justice against his despoilers.

## THE MEAT TRUST TO BE SQUEEZED.

The importance and utility of the new Department of Commerce is to be verified and the Sherman Anti-Trust law farther tested at the instance of congress which passed a resolution the other day directing the said department to investigate the causes of the low prices of beef cattle in the United States since July 1, 1903, and the alleged unusually large margins between the prices of beef cattle and the selling price of fresh beef. The Martin resolution is definite and specific and Mr. Cortelyou thus empowered, can make the investigation thorough. If as is believed there exists a big beef combine or meat trust he should be able to get sufficient facts to warrant the attorney-general in bringing suit under the Anti-Trust law. Under the act establishing the department of commerce and labor, approved February 14, 1903, there is also created a bureau of corporations to investigate the organization, conduct and management of the business of any corporation, joint stock company or corporate combination engaged in commerce among the several states and with foreign nations. In order to do this work the bureau has conferred upon it the powers of the interstate commerce commission. The investigation therefore should be thorough and searching. That there exists such a trust the cattlemen of the west in conventions have repeatedly declared and consumers everywhere are convinced. A telegraph operator who worked for the meat trust at Omaha states that every night the various packers notify a central office what kind of cattle will be killed the next day. One will want canners, another export stuff, and so on. In the end no two kill on that day the same kind of cattle, thus but one buyer is on the market for the offerings of that particular kind and the seller has to take what is offered. If that is not a violation of law, what is?

## THE DENOMINATIONAL PAPER DECLINING.

A writer in the London Daily News shows that the old-fashioned religious newspaper is declining in popularity. Many of the denominational papers "have died, or have been absorbed in more vigorous contemporaries"; others maintain a struggling and precarious existence; some few are kept going only by the funds contributed to make good the yearly deficit. It is said that the number of denominational journals now paying fairly well might be counted on the fingers of one hand. For this decline various causes are alleged. The 10-cent monthly magazines have multiplied enormously. These, with their attractive illustrations, circulate by the hundred thousand or the half-million, and draw away the sustaining advertisements. The Sunday newspapers are also attractive to many readers. The daily press now supplies a great amount of religious news, and prints many sermons. Getting in this way all of such matter that they have time to read in the rush and press of affairs, many who in former times would have read the religious weekly, dispense with it now. The denominational interest, also, though fanned by the leaders, is more feebly felt by the multitude of church-goers. It is the undenominational religious paper that flourishes now—such journals as the Christian Herald, the Independent and the Outlook.

## DOOMED TO DIE RICH.

The rejection by the American Society for Civil Engineers of the offer of Andrew Carnegie, in connection with three other societies of engineers, a home which was to cost between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000, following closely on the heels of the declination of the city of Detroit of an offer of \$150,000 for a Carnegie library, has caused no small amount of talk among those who have followed Mr. Carnegie's efforts to escape the disgrace of dying a rich man, and it has been freely suggested that the great steel master soon will devise other means than the building of libraries for the distribution of his great

wealth. In this connection it is worthy of notice that within a comparatively short time these offers of Mr. Carnegie, in addition to the two just cited, have been declined: Atwood, Ind., \$25,000; the Library Society of Quebec, \$10,000; Cumberland, Md., \$25,000; Easton, Pa., \$50,000—this refusal was later reconsidered; Wheeling, W. Va., no amount named; Grand Rapids, Mich., \$150,000; Clinton, Mass., \$25,000; Tyrona, Pa., \$50,000; Macon, Ga., \$25,000.

The Philharmonic Orchestra of New York refused an offer of \$500,000 because the conditions attached stated that an equal amount should be raised from others and this made it impossible for the society to accept. Mr. Carnegie, it is estimated, had given away up to January 1, 1904, more than \$90,000,000, of which pretty nearly \$70,000,000 had been given in the United States. This, it is said, has made little, if any, impression on his original capital.

## THE MUSIC OF A BABY'S CRY.

That Chicago university boasts a queer lot of professors. One of them has just lost his job because he declared that church hymns are mostly rot and that Rockefeller is the biggest thing that ever happened in the way of a man on this earth. Now comes Prof. Slaughter of that university insisting that the crying of a baby is "nothing but the sweetest music." Did the learned professor ever walk the floor from dewy eve 'till dawn, clad in his nightie and engaged in the attempt to soothe the wailing of an infant with the colle—that is to say to soothe the colle of the infant, and think its yells sweet music? If he didn't, he stands to have a day come when he will change his views of music.

## LEFT TO THE IMAGINATION.

Apparently something must be left to the imagination in the search for news from the seat of war. That "something is doing" is evident from the fact that but little that is done filters through the censorships to find its way across from the Far East to the Far West. It seems, however, that the Japanese have a clutch on Port Arthur and a cinch on Vladivostok with Russia having the best of the situation as to land forces—a best which is somewhat minimized by the fact that Japan prefers sea fighting and declines to become amphibious for the present at least.

## CUBA BEING YANKEEZED.

Quite an American colony is establishing itself at Vedado, a suburb of Havana, a few miles west of the city, and on the sea. The houses are mostly flat-roofed, in the Spanish style; lots have risen from \$50 to \$1,200, and house property has increased greatly in value.

## THOUGH WE REPENT.

Though we repent, can any God give back  
The dear, lost days we might have made so fair—  
Turn false to true, and carelessness to care  
And let us find again what now we lack?

Oh, once, once more to tread the old-time track.  
The flowers we throw away once more to wear—  
Though we repent, can any God give back  
The dear, lost days we might have made so fair?

Who can repulse a stealthy ghost's attack—  
Silence a voice that doth the midnight dare—  
Make fresh hopes spring from graves of despair—  
Set free a tortured soul from memory's rack?

Though we repent, can any God give back  
The dear, lost days we might have made so fair?  
—LOUISE CHANDLER MOULTON.

The Kansas corn-raisers say this is to be a good corn year, and the wheat growers still stick to it that the wheat is all right. With a hundred-million-bushel wheat crop and a bumper corn crop and a continual widening of the petroleum and gas belt and Kansas could hardly refrain from crowing.

Five persons have been held as criminally liable for the Ingoles theatre fire, the manager, the business manager, the stage carpenter, the city building commissioner and the building inspector. The mayor gets off, though, had he done his duty, the theaters would have been made safe.

It's all well enough to speculate in big prices for products in the event of the prolongation of that Orient war, but there is another side to it. With our pockets full of money we will be wanting to wear silks, and war will paralyze the silk industry of China, Korea and Japan.

The Department of Commerce can ascertain why the steer is so cheap and his meat so dear by going through the books and affairs of the packing house combine. The fact of the wide margin calls for no proof. Everybody knows it to be true.

Oklahoma, although as yet denied statehood, has 3,162 miles of railway completed and in operation. Kansas didn't have a mile of railroad when admitted as a state, unless the Elwood and St. Joe jerkwater could be termed a railroad.

Prosecuting Attorney Jerome of New York declares that he can prove that a wealthy young duke of that city parted with \$400,000 in a card game and that he knows who got the money. The story, therefore, was not a fake.

It is suspected that Jerry Simpson, the sockless whilom, is getting impatient over the way congress is delaying his opportunity to turn up as a United States senator from the state of New Mexico.

When the Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico, shall have been admitted as states with their eight United States senators, there is going to be a halt called on naval extravagances.

Rockefeller is accused of having cornered the supply of asbestos. It is suspected that he has been given a tip that asbestos shirts are in great demand in the warm region for which he is headed.

The French Panama Canal Company is to pay its general counsel, William Nelson Cromwell, of New York, the fat fee of \$2,000,000, out of the \$40,000,000 received from the United States government.

There is no longer any question that Hearst has an unsavory record which in the event of his nomination for the Presidency on the Democratic ticket will be thoroughly aired.

The Liberty Bell will take in the World's Fair, but there are a good many people who think its trips ought to be rung off and that it should retire on an old age pension.

The United States will in the next fiscal year, beginning with July 1, spend \$21,000,000 on rural free delivery of mail matter, against \$12,000,000 this year.

If this Republic ever drops to the plane of electing such men as Wm. Randolph Hearst to the Presidency its dissolution will be near at hand.

The difference between the Russian and the Japanese

names is very pronounced, even though the names themselves can not be pronounced.

The Dawes Commission is doomed. Bonaparte's report backed by Roosevelt's desire practically settles the hash of the commission.

There is little or no excuse for that jurymen in the Dewey case playing sick for Dewey wouldn't have been found guilty.

All these distinguished men who want the boys to stay on the farms won fame and pelf by getting off the soil in early youth.

The United States in the coming fiscal year will spend \$96,000,000 on its navy and new canal construction.

And so there are other postal scandals which involve congressmen owners of postoffice buildings.

So, Mrs. Florence Maybrick is to actually set foot on the soil of her native land next July.

## OKLAHOMA OUTLINES.

According to the Newkirk News-Republican, Bob Dunlop, who has had the grip, is moving around like a professional pall-bearer.

The Populists of Lincoln county agreed to join the Democrats if the ticket was called "Democrat-Populist." The Democrats swallowed but the stomach refused it.

The Presbyterians of Woodward will hold services in the court house while their church is being built. Fortunately, the warden can't "speak out in meelin'" or the "amens" might drown the sermon.

The Beaver Herald editor alone found enjoyment in the dust-storm of last week. He got a chance to get off an old gag, by replying when a newcomer asked if the wind blew that way all the time: "Oh, no! It blows from the other way part of the time."

A baby girl weighing 14½ pounds was born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Watson of Woods county.

It takes an organization of four men to furnish water to Elk City. Elk City must be successfully keeping its new year's resolutions.

J. S. Green of Grand Valley, Beaver county, lost 154 head of cattle in the recent prairie fire. The mild winter has thus proved an expense to him.

The "drafting fever" of Kansas has reached the third ward of Newkirk. The victim's end will be the city council.

The consecration of the new lodge, A. F. & A. M., took place at Fort Cobb Tuesday night. The Record describes the banquet as "elaborate in extreme."

Will Davis has purchased five lots at Alene on which to build a brick kiln.

The El Reno Socialists' platform in promising everything, yet fails to offer any method for bringing peace about between Hensley and Greer.

Another mad dog sprinted through Perry Thursday. No officer was needed to clear the track.

Judge Halner is trying a murder case at Tolema. Pancoast is "sneaking" for him at Newkirk.

The Beaver Journal has enlarged to eight pages. The first two columns of the last page are "home print."

The Salvation Army is being appreciated at Beaver City. The Journal says: "Their band music and songs are quite a treat to our town."

Medford's new fire bell has been put in place.

A white elm tree movement has been started at Beaver. Arbor day comes just in time.

Oklahoma City has a Napoleon and a Pierpont. Napoleon Pierpont is referred to.

It will not be surprising to the Democrats that Judge Gillett will not concede that a state out of Oklahoma and Indian Territory will not be Democratic. The Democrats for some years have been used to the Republicans conceding nothing.

The Republicans of Hobart will hold their city convention Thursday of this week.

Newkirk News-Republican: Andrew McGuire's trouble has commenced. His wife insists on him making garden when he is such a good hand with the rod and gun.

## KANSAS CURRENTS.

J. Mack Love went over to Winfield to the Democratic county convention and started something. The other fellow ended it.

The lecture course movement at Anthony has gathered no more but a deficit of \$9.

Southern Kansas railroads are kept busy hauling people back and forth from the Wichita hospitals. There is not an issue of a paper published in southern Kansas that doesn't contain such a notice.

The Sedgwick Pantagraph is urging the purchase of a waterworks plant. The amount of asbestos brought into the town recently has made the demand imperative.

The doctors have issued a bulletin declaring that Editor Cline of the Conway Springs Star is laid up with the grip, but there is a suspicion that if the truth was revealed it would be found that Editor Cline is simply prostrated from playing flinch too much.

The Emporia Gazette declares that Henry Allen is a coming man. Right, but not literally, for just at present Henry's caboose stands on the sidetrack.

A great many things have been said about Wichita's auditorium, but no one has openly declared that it would make a good skating rink.

Mr. Lischewsky of Sterling, formerly of St. Petersburg or Moscow evidently, rivals Mayme, Yael and the rest of the girls, in the spilling of his name.

The troubles of the anti-machine have already begun. Hutchinson members of the faction are sore because George was not made railroad commissioner.

E. J. Bookwater of Halstead is going to start another paper. He hasn't decided on the location yet.

A large bouquet of flowers was presented to Ed. Hoch, it is said, after the convention. The report doesn't say, but here's a guess: The flowers were forget-me-nots and the donor was a politician.

A Hutchinson man visited the Newkirk skating rink the other evening, and before he got away, the Newton girls had him going round, and round.

A Wellington restaurant was robbed Wednesday night and the New reports that the thieves got all the restaurant's "silver ware." The poor fellows have probably since been laid up in the hospitals with sprained backs.

Cowley county farmers were busy last week, not plowing, but cutting poles for their new rural telephone system.

Cowley county's superintendent of public instruction, just a miss, is having an experience like that of sitting up all night with a colicky baby. The Republicans are talking about bringing out a candidate against her.

The lemon raised at Conway Springs by Mrs. J. H. Wolfe, which measured 2½ inches in circumference in one way and 1½ inches in another, made lemonade for a family of six. Two of the six are small boys, too.

The Conway Springs Star demands that the new governor include his reform all days like last Wednesday. "How'd you like to be the governor?"

Chickasaw township, Kingman county, had a regular old-fashioned log barn-raising last week. The material was trees raised by the present owner.

## KANSAS HISTORY REVEALS THAT

IN 1838, FORTY-NINE YEARS AGO TODAY.—Dr. Charles Robinson left Boston for Kansas with about two hundred persons.

IN 1865, THIRTY-NINE YEARS AGO TODAY.—The appointment of Hiram S. Sleeper to be surveyor-general of Kansas and Nebraska, was assured. He chose Henry C. Fields his chief clerk.

IN 1874, THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY.—The county commissioners of Sedgwick county and the city council of Wichita appropriated enough money to purchase a carload of cotton seed for free distribution.

IN 1884, TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY.—Governor G. W. Glick called a special session of the legislature for March 18, because of the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease among sheep and cattle in Woodson, Coffey, Lyon, Allen, and Anderson counties. The governor being powerless to establishing quarantines or make other regulations felt called upon to convene the body that could relieve the situation.

IN 1884, TEN YEARS AGO TODAY.—J. M. Webber, Chanute and Dave Patton, near Goodard, were arrested on suspicion of being the murderers of James Dow at Wichita February 12.

IN 1889, FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY.—Governor Stanley denied the statement that he promised to put Jim Simpson on the railroad board of visitation for the new Missouri Pacific depot at Wichita. He said: "I think the judges of the court of visitation will all be Republicans."

IN 1891, THREE YEARS AGO TODAY.—The funeral of Jacob Sites was held at Wichita. Mr. Sites was a well known and wealthy farmer of Sedgwick county, having been a resident for thirty years. He died at the age of 81 and left a farm to each of his three sons.

## THE PIKERS' LAMENT

"Man is generally led the way, which he is inclined to go."—Talmud.

The following society item was sent to the Eagle office:

Mrs. G. I. Googlesprat entertained the Independent Order of Hoboes at her spacious home on the corner of Starvation and Tin-Can alley Monday morning with a 4-o'clock, fifteen-course breakfast, consisting of "pickled pigs' feet" and hen teeth. After breakfast the guests enjoyed themselves by playing leapfrog. After the game of leapfrog was over the guests assembled in the laundry and assisted Mrs. Googlesprat with her washing. Those present were Mrs. Smokestack, Mrs. Thunder-hatchet, Mrs. Screendoor, Mrs. Runforeverandever, Mrs. Pumphandle, Mrs. Goodbylon, Mrs. Priarpane, Mrs. Panhandle, Mrs. E. H. Lumpy, Mrs. Butte, Mrs. Lady Bountiful, and Phyllis, Maggie, Mr. Butte, in Happy Hoodigan, Clarence the Cop, The Two Jolly Jokers, Tilly Teddy, Alphonso, Gaston, Leon and Jack Sprat.

## DR. PRAIT'S PRATTLE.

ONCE I thought I knew it all and would nothing new confess, but now, the more I know I know I know I know I know the less.

When a boy is picked before he's ripe, 'tis a good plan to force his growth. It makes a man of him with sudden celerity.

That "the boy is father of the man."

Has wisdom said, since time began?

But the "New Times" make the boy a kid, And the man to do as he is bid.

The world belongs to those who come the last. Said a good grey poet of the past;

But, Lord, love, save us! we'll write the check. When all the "Sixties" get it in the neck?

The little fleas, some folks do say, have smaller ones to bite 'em.

Here's hoping that the busters won't have Woe y Gills to fight 'em;

I have no sore spots anywhere, just sitting on the fence—

Gives buster chaps a chance to show the whichness of the whence.

C. T. H.

How much does Japan want to borrow? The Kansas farmer can spare a few millions.

## WAR BULLETINS.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—Russia is keeping her powder dry—and "Urbahns" is keeping her.

Vladivostok, March 12.—Russian soldiers captured a Chinaman who looked like a Jap and they are leading their captive through the streets in a triumphal procession.

Tokio, March 12.—Having sunk all the Russian navy, Japan has voted an appropriation to aid the Czar in building more ships in order that the Japs may win more glory by sinking them.

London, March 12.—The report from Tokio that Japan will aid Russia to build more ships is not only not confirmed, but it is officially denied.

London, March 12.—A Japanese diplomat has solved the Algebraic problem in which John Hay was X the unknown quantity. He has found that X equals all Europe.

Berlin, March 12.—A German scientist has discovered that the earth is not round.

## TRIBUNAL OF THE PUBLIC PRESS

Representative Van Duser, of Nevada:

There is no place in the world where more sharpers, sharks, grafters, skin game artists and dishonest promoters congregate than can be found in what is known as "Hell's Half-Acre," near the intersection of Nassau, William, Broad and Wall streets. Somewhere the innocent investor in America thinks that there is only one place he can buy securities in "Hell's Half-Acre." Here it is in a dimly lit, murky, blacked-out building, where whose corner entrance stands out in cold granite the sphinx-like inscription, J. Pierpont Morgan & Co.

Thomas E. Watson, the historian of Georgia, at Atlanta:

"While I admire much in Mr. Roosevelt the man, Mr. Roosevelt the politician stands for those things I most abhor—imperialism, extravagance, class legislation, militarism, centralism, Hamiltonism of the rank and file. And unless circumstantial evidence be a mockery, he has allowed John Hay, our matchless diplomat and European outwayer, to be used as a mere tool by the estate politicians of Great Britain and Germany, thus leading our Republic in the midst of a most entangling foreign alliance."

"I would oppose both Cleveland and Roosevelt, because they both stand for the evils and the abuses of the present regime. I would favor Hearst, because he dares challenge the right of political bosses to surrender their fair Republic to the ravenous greed of the capitalist few and stands as Jefferson did for the rights of the common people."

Sister Frances, directress of the Transfiguration Bureau of Domestic Service in New York:

"If any girl wants to assure herself a comfortable future let her go into domestic service. We have found in just the two days we have been operating our bureau publicity that the demand for skilled domestic labor is so far in excess of the supply that we shall have to enlarge our facilities for instruction and do out and hunt for girls to instruct and send out."

Yone Noguchi, at New York:

"Let me declare distinctly at the outset of our war with Russia that our national ambition does not lie in any territorial conquest. It is to become the light of Asia, and to spread the beneficent influence of the civilization which we learned from the west over the nations of the Far East, and to equally divide the commercial advantages of the Asiatic continent among the powers."

John Boniface, a father of twenty-one children, at Morristown, N. J.:

"You must have children to get the real blessing. Marriage without children is like a well without water—a hollow fraud."

Archibald S. Mudd, at New York:

"Americans have perhaps wondered why it was that Britain so consistently backed Japan throughout the preliminaries of the present war. It occurred to me that the answer was in the fact that

covered that radium will cure war. All that is needed is enough of it properly placed.

—E. A.—

THE HOG EDITOR'S LOGIC.

\*\*\*The trouble with so many people now-a-days is they don't understand what noble means.

\*\*\*A consideration worth proposing is a proposition worth considering.

\*\*\*One had thought naturally leads is to another and seldom quits the mind before some crime is committed even though it is nothing but a political scheme.

\*\*\*Human destiny is a peculiar thing and few people have any conception of it.

\*\*\*What if a husband and wife do have a little difficulty occasionally? Family jumbles are the life and pith of matrimonial states.

\*\*\*Every man is not a philosopher, every philosopher is not a man, for there are women in the world who would go "crazy wild" if such were not the true situation.

\*\*\*Love is such a simple thing and yet it is of all the paramount issues of the day, the least understood.

\*\*\*Use a little common sense, shut your mouth tightly and lock yourself securely in a dark room and you will probably be a good man for the time being.

\*\*\*How many people are there in the world who would starve before stealing? It is safe to say if the test were to be made there isn't enough military force in the world to take into custody one-tenth of the criminals.

\*\*\*An idle mind is apt to dream, a dreamer is apt to be provoked, a provocateur is apt to grow into a consummate liar and a liar is a subject for purgatory.

\*\*\*It is no object at all for a man to be a Christian in these days when he can commit a crime one day and repeat it the next. But say, is that orthodoxy or confounded-ox?

—E. A.—

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFINGS.

Constantinople, March 12.—The Sultan is eagerly watching the outcome of the Russo-Japanese war. With polygamy defeated in the United States, he hopes for an enlargement of the harem at Turkey.

Washington, March 12.—Members of the house named in Britain's report do not like the report a little bit.

Salt Lake, March 12.—At a mass meeting of the plural wives of one of the apostles, resolutions were adopted favoring the unsealing of Senator Root and the election to the senate of a real polygamist. The resolutions also demand that widower Senator How take a wife.

—E. A.—

By the way, have you registered?

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This is an off year in the city election, but it is very much so in state and nation.

The Fiker statistician has made a careful estimate of the value of the coin in sedgwick county and he finds it to be \$2,000,000. After verifying his figures by an entirely different process he found an error in his first calculation of one cent. This leaves the exact value \$1,999,999.

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